

# Texas Chefs Association

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### *(Chefs of the Coastal Bend)*



**Meeting Date:** 11/9/2020  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Meeting Place:** Executive Surf Club

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Chef Dean Sprague CEC, Chapter President

**Recognize Host:** Thanks to the Lomax family and The Executive Surf Club for hosting our meeting

**Insure Roster/Quorum:** IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Sprague, Michael Smith, Sczcepanek, Matt Axtell, Cassidy Talley, Kyra Sullenger, Richie Jones, Rob Flores, Justin Huerta, Richard Chan

**Introduce Guest:** Brad and Richard Lomax with associates Keith and Adrien

**Recognize the Excused:**

### **Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be Accepted**

**Motion from the floor made by:** Richie Jones

**Motion seconded by:** Paula Sczcepanek

**Discussion by Assembly**

No discussion needed

### **Treasurer's Report: Chef Paula Sczcepanek**

Nothing new to report. Currently planning to get new signature cards filled out for future transactions.

### **Director's Report: Chef Dean Sprague CEC**

Winter Board meeting is coming up soon. Will need YTD reports from all chair heads. Looking to utilize previous fundraising format adjustments due to the COVID-19 restrictions in future fundraisers.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Certification:** Chef Michael Smith CEC Chef Michael Smith and Chef Matt Axtell are going for certification on 11/20. Chef Dean Sprague is almost completed with his training to be a certification proctor.

Discussed CEU opportunities for future certifications of chefs.

### **Education: Chef Matt Axtell**

Presentation from Brad Lomax about their ongoing efforts to bring an Oyster Mariculture to the coastal bend. Discussed the benefits of locally sourced and sustainable oyster product and how it could positively impact the culinary scene of the coastal bend as well as further regions of the south.

### **Membership: Margie Pettigrove**

One new aspiring member in attendance from Del Mar College, Maria Sanchez.

Recognized and welcomed our newest member, Chef Richard Chan

### **Apprenticeship:**

Nothing to report currently

### **Fund Raising: Chef Michael Smith CEC**

Good events recently with Grow Local and Nueces Brew and BBQ. Will hold off on looking for events until the first of the year as most chefs are extremely busy during the holiday months.

### **Public Relations & Social Media Chef Richie Jones**

Closing in on 400 followers on Facebook and Instagram. Will continue to talk up the social media platforms to gain more traffic.

**Culinary Arts & Competition**  
N/A

**New Business**

- A. End of Year Holiday get together.
- B. Received Issac Pena Award
- C.
- D.

**Round Table:**

Round table discussion centered around our guests and the oyster mariculture topic. Also had some inquiries about needs for certification and were able to bring up the requirements and discuss.

**Adjournment 7:45pm**

**Motion from the floor made by:** Dean Sprague

**Motion seconded by:** Richie Jones

**Discussion by Assembly**

**Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting:**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: Carried / Lost**

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!** List the date, place, address and time for the next meeting in full.

*Please do not take for granted that it's common knowledge your chapter always meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 3 pm. Sometimes it does change so to make sure it is recorded accurately, be sure it is included at the close of your minutes.*

